

Fall Workshops 2014

PRESENTERS



Colet Bartow is a mother, Montanan, teacher-librarian and cheerleader for information and technology literacy. She lives in Helena, Montana where she works for the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) as the Communication and Resource Coordinator in the Content Standards and Instruction division. She spent 13 years as a teacher-librarian before joining the OPI in 2007. Her first computer was a Radio Shack TRS-80 and first held a job in a library as a third grade student. She is honored to have served as the Superintendent of Public Instruction designee to the Montana State Library Commission since 2008.



Jennifer Birnel is the Montana Memory Project Director at the Montana State Library. She formerly served as the trainer for the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) Technology Trainer for the Montana State Library. She taught middle school for 12 years, holds a BA in communications and a master's degree in literacy. She is currently serving as a community representative of the Digital Public Library of America. Jennifer enjoys camping and SCUBA diving with her husband, Mike.



Lisa Dennis is an Implementation Specialist for EBSCO. Prior to joining EBSCO, Lisa spent 8 years at Microsoft in product development and marketing. She was also the Director of Marketing for Developer Labs, a Microsoft-certified partner. Lisa enjoys gardening, scuba diving, hiking America's national parks – and reading, of course! When not traveling in western US and Canada, she's at home in San Diego, CA with her husband and two happy dogs.



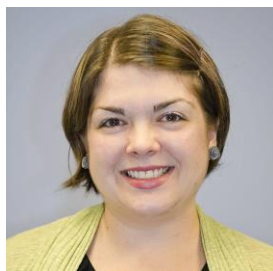
Joann (Jo) Flick is the Continuing Education Coordinator at the Montana State Library. Jo's previous experience includes developing and marketing instructional media and she once served as an educator/curator of an historic site significant to the War of 1812. Jo holds an MS Ed. from Indiana University in Instructional Systems Technology, a BA in Art from the State University of New York. She lives in beautiful East Glacier Park where she tends her garden and enjoys frequent forays into the wilderness.



Roberta Gebhardt began working in libraries in 1995. She's worked in circulation, Inter Library Loan, Readers' Advisory, and finally found her niche with cataloging. She graduated from the University of North Texas with an MLS in 2006. She currently works as the Technical Services Librarian at the Montana Historical Society.



Pam Henley is a statewide consulting librarian for the Montana State Library. Before joining the State Library team, she worked at Bozeman Public Library for 16 years, managing the Computer Services area, offering classes and assisting patrons and staff with all their technology issues. She is looking forward to visiting more of Montana's public libraries in the future.



Amy Koester is a Children's Librarian with the St. Charles City-County Library District in Missouri and will soon be taking on new responsibilities in Skokie, IL.. She oversees programs and services for preschool and school-age children at her library. Amy documents and shares many of her adventures in programming, including maker and STEAM programs, in several places online: on her own blog, The Show Me Librarian; for the ALSC (Association for Library Service to Children) Blog; and for the Library as Incubator Project. Amy served on the 2014 Newbery Committee.



Amy Marchwick is the Montana Shared Catalog Trainer at the Montana State Library. In addition to teaching classes both online and in person at libraries she also provides member libraries with technical support for the ILS. She previously worked at the Belgrade Community Library for over 13 years. When she's not working, she likes to do crossword puzzles, and play board and computer games.



Gail McMillan has lived in Bozeman since 1981 and has worked at the Library since 1992. She is the Volunteer Coordinator and also works in the Circulation Department, at the Information Desk, and in Computer Services. She has a BA in psychology and taught preschool for 14 years. She and her husband Ed have two adult daughters. Away from the Library, Gail likes to write, walk with her dog, canoe, and cook.



Lauren McMullen is a statewide consulting librarian for the Montana State Library. Before coming to this position she worked as a training and development specialist at the State Library, and before that she was the Director of the Carnegie Public Library in Big Timber, Montana. Lauren earned her MLS degree from the University of North Texas. Lauren is privileged to work with amazing librarians all over Montana and looks forward to seeing many of you at Fall Workshops!



Cindy O'Dell is the Education Dean for Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education at Salish Kootenai College. Cindy joined the faculty at SKC in January 2002 after serving as an early childhood instructor and adjunct since 1992. Dr. O'Dell has taught a variety of post-secondary courses for the Education Division including human development, assessment, teaching exceptional learners, child guidance, and cultural diversity. She is the primary author of the Montana Early Learning Standards and the chair of the Montana Early Childhood Higher Education Consortium. Cindy has a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Oregon, a Master's of Science in Child Development from Montana State University, and a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership from The University of Montana.



Cara Orban is the Statewide Projects Librarian at the Montana State Library, and feels so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with library staff from all different types of libraries across Montana. One of her professional and personal goals is to visit every public library in the state (she's up to 45 so far). After hours, she enjoys hiking and spending time with her two little boys, ages 3 and 5. On Twitter: @caraorban



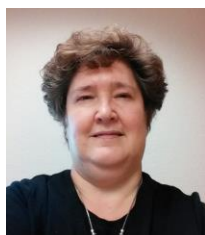
Marissa Perry joined the Governor's Office of Community Service over a year ago as the Outreach Coordinator. In addition to overseeing communications and various projects for her office, she works to promote volunteerism statewide. Marissa has a strong commitment to serve others. After graduating from the University of Montana, she spent six months volunteering with Burmese refugees on the Thailand-Burma border in 2012.



Suzanne Reymer is Consulting Statewide Librarian for the Montana State Library (since 1999). She is an avid explorer of e-books, e-readers and trends, actively researching new developments in electronic reading devices. Suzanne has a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Washington and considers herself both a technology enthusiast and skeptic. She is an e-reader omnivore, having owned Kindles, Nooks, Sony and Kobo e-readers as well as an iPad and several smart phones.



Olivia Riutta is the Outreach and Enrolment Project Manager at the Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA). She assists Montana's community health centers providing outreach on the Affordable Care Act. Prior to joining MPCA, Olivia was the co-director of Montana Women Vote conducting the planning and implementation of Montana Women Vote's civic engagement field campaigns. This included voter registration efforts, issue education campaigns, and ballot initiatives. Her work also included policy advocacy on issues that impact low-income women and families in Montana including health care, reproductive rights, violence against women, and tax and budget issues. Olivia has a B.A. in Grassroots Development from the University of Michigan.



Shelma Seidel has worked in libraries for over 25 years. Shelma has a degree from Montana State University. She has been a children's librarian, circulation librarian, periodicals librarian, and is currently managing inter library loans and cataloging for the Havre-Hill County Library. Throughout her career, Shelma has been mending materials; extending the lifespan of well-loved books so that the library's budget goes a little further and patrons have access to the resources they want.

Chris Seifert is the Director of Educational Services at MontanaPBS. Capturing stories of Montanans is what we do at MontanaPBS – whether in a documentary, through our Student Reporting Labs, or in resources for teachers. Getting the right story is more than pointing a microphone in someone's direction! Our goal is to share these stories across the state.



Dawne Tortorella is a Senior Training Coordinator with OCLC. Dawne provides training in WorldShare ILL and WorldShare Management Services. As part of her training responsibilities, she develops curriculum, videos, and leads webinars related to WorldShare ILL.



Laura Tretter received her MLS from University of Washington in 2001 after working and volunteering in libraries since 1993. She began her professional work as a Children's Librarian/Assistant Director in a small public library in Washington State. She continued working mainly in small public libraries "doing it all" - cataloging, collection development, reference, circulation, programming, outreach, and administration. She currently works at the State Law Library of Montana as Technical Services Librarian.